

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A control method for an image forming system where an image processing apparatus for generating image data is connected to an image forming apparatus for forming a visible image based on the image data on a print medium,
5 in said image processing apparatus, said method comprising:

an input step of inputting print information;
an object image judgment step of judging whether
10 or not image data indicated by said print information inputted at said input step is in high quality;

a particular image judgment step of, if it is judged at said object image judgment step that said image data is in high quality, judging whether or not
15 said image data represents a particular image; and

a particular image processing step of, if it is judged at said particular image judgment step that said image represents the particular image, performing predetermined processing.

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2. The method according to claim 1, wherein at said object image judgment step, if said image data has a resolution equal to or higher than a predetermined resolution, it is judged that said image data is in high
25 quality.

3. The method according to claim 2, wherein said predetermined resolution is a resolution with which image data can obtain sufficient precision as said particular image.

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4. The method according to claim 3, wherein at said object image judgment step, if said image data has the resolution equal to or higher than the predetermined resolution and represents image, it is judged that said
10 image data is in high quality.

5. The method according to claim 4, wherein at said object image judgment step, if said image data has the resolution equal to or higher than the predetermined
15 resolution and represents image, and said image data has an image size equal to or greater than a predetermined size, it is judged that said image data is in high quality.

20 6. The method according to claim 5, wherein said predetermined size is a size with which image data can represent an image as said particular image.

7. The method according to claim 1, wherein at said
25 object image judgment step, if said image data represents image, it is judged that said image data is

in high quality.

8. The method according to claim 7, wherein at said
object image judgment step, if said image data has a
5 data amount equal to or greater than a predetermined
amount, it is judged that said image data is in high
quality.

9. The method according to claim 8, wherein said
10 predetermined amount is a data amount enabling
representation of predetermined number of colors.

10. The method according to claim 1, wherein said object
image judgment step, said particular image judgment step
15 and said particular image processing step are performed
in a driver for said image forming apparatus in said
image processing apparatus.

11. The method according to claim 1, wherein at said
20 input step, a print command from an application program
is inputted.

12. The method according to claim 11, wherein said print
command is described in Page Description Language.

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13. The method according to claim 1, wherein at said

particular image judgment step, if said image data includes particular information, it is judged that said image data represents a particular image.

5 14. The method according to claim 13, wherein said particular information is electronic watermark information embedded in said image data.

10 15. The method according to claim 1, wherein at said particular image processing step, a warning message is displayed for a user.

15 16. The method according to claim 1, wherein at said particular image processing step, image processing to degrade image quality is performed on said image data.

20 17. The method according to claim 1, wherein at said particular image processing step, said image data is filled with a predetermined color.

18. The method according to claim 1, wherein at said particular image processing step, an operation history of said image data is stored.

25 19. An image forming system where an image processing apparatus for generating image data is connected to an

image forming apparatus for forming a visible image
based on the image data on a print medium,

wherein a driver for said image forming apparatus
in said image processing apparatus performs:

5 judgment as to whether or not image data indicated
by input print information is in high quality;

judgment as to whether or not said image data
represents a particular image if it is judged that said
image data is in high quality; and

10 predetermined processing on said image data if it
is judged that said image data represents the particular
image.

20. An image processing apparatus comprising:

15 input means for inputting image data;

judgment means for, if said image data inputted by
said input means is in high quality, judging whether or
not said image data represents a particular image; and

image processing means for, if it is judged that
20 said image data represents the particular image,
performing predetermined processing.

21. A program for controlling an image processing
apparatus for generating image data for printing,

25 including:

code of input process for inputting print

information;

code of object image judgment process for judging whether or not image data indicated by the print information inputted at said input process is in high

5 quality;

code of particular image judgment process for, if it is judged at said object image judgment process that said image data is in high quality, judging whether or not said image data represents a particular image; and

10 code of particular image processing process for, if it is judged at said particular image judgment process that said image data represents the particular image, performing predetermined processing.

15 22. A recording medium where a program for controlling an image processing apparatus for generating image data for printing is recorded, wherein said program includes:

code of input process for inputting print information;

20 code of object image judgment process for judging whether or not image data indicated by the print information inputted at said input process is in high quality;

code of particular image judgment process for, if
25 it is judged at said object image judgment process that said image data is in high quality, judging whether or

not said image data represents a particular image; and
code of particular image processing process for,
if it is judged at said particular image judgment
process that said image data represents the particular
5 image, performing predetermined processing.